

## REMARKS

The Examiner states that the instant application, as originally filed, contained claims 1-72. Applicant acknowledges that an amendment was filed on October 4, 2001 canceling claims 1-70, 73-78, 81-82 and 84-85. Additionally, Applicant acknowledges a second preliminary amendment was filed on September 20, 2002 canceling claims 71-72, 79-80 and 91. As a result of these two amendments the instant application contains no pending claims. New claims 73-78 have now been added. The Examiner is requested to consider the new claims and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted

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